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SUBJECT: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE (TC); PREPARATIONS FOR
FEB. 12-13 MEETING

REF: A. USOECD 0771

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1. TCWP CONSIDERATION JAN. 18 OF PREPARATIONS FOR FEB. 12-13
TC MEETING PROCEEDED ALONG LINES FORESEEN REF A. GROUP
AGREED SECRETARIAT SHOULD SUGGEST LIST OF ITEMS ANNEXED
TO REF B FOR CONSIDERATION BY TC CHAIRMAN HERMES. US DEL
(MORRISON) VOICED STRONG SUPPORT FOR TC TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY
TO GOVERNMENT PURCHASING IN ACCORDANCE WITH WISHES EXPRESSED AT
LAST TC MEETING AND URGED THAT ALL OF FIRST DAY BE DEVOTED
TO THAT ITEM IF NECESSARY TO INSURE FULL DEBATE OF MAJOR
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. OTHER DELS AGREED THAT GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING WARRANTED PRIORITY ATTENTION BUT PREFERRED TO
SCHEDULE ITEM FOR MOST OR ALL OF SECOND DAY TO ACCOMMO-
DATE CERTAIN EXPERTS WHO COULD ATTEND ONLY FEB. 13 BUT
NOT FEB. 12. SECRETARIAT WILL SUGGEST TO CHAIRMAN HERMES
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THAT GOVERNMENT PURCHASING BE SCHEDULED AS FIRST ITEM FOR

DISCUSSION FEB. 13 AND CONTINUE FOR AS LOG AS NECESSARY
EVEN AT RISK OF TOKEN TREATMENT OF OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA.
SECRETARIAT PAPER, TC(74)1, WHICH WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR
DISCUSSION, CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY MORRISON.

2. TCWP AGREED THT BULK OF REMAINDER OF MEETING SHOULD
BE DEVOTED TO ITEM 2, REF B, IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN
AREA OF TRADE POLICY. AS FORESEEN REF A, MAIN THEME OF
DISCUSSION LIKELY TO BE IMPLICATIONS FOR TRADE POLICY OF
ENERGY SITUATION AND ITS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. SEVERAL
DELS SUGGESTED THAT TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF COMMODITY PRICE
BOOM ALSO BE TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN TC'S INFORMAL,
OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. SECRETARIAT REPORTED
THAT DOCUMENTATION FOR FEB. EPC MEETING PROCEEDING ASPACE
AND WOULD INCLUDE MATERIAL ON IMPACT OF ENERGY SITUATION
AND COMMODITY BOOM ON DC AS WELL AS LDC TRADE. SOME OF
HIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE READY TOWARD END JAN. AND COULD
SERVE AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND POINT OF DEPARTURE
FOR TC DISCUSSION. SECRETARIAT ALSO STATED THAT TC CHAIR-
MAN HERMES WOULD SEND LETTER HIS WEEK TO TC REPS OUTLINING
HIS VIEWS ON MAIN POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER THIS ITEM.

3. CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS
FOR SECTORAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD REMAIN ON AGENDA,
ALTHOUGH GROUP RECOGNIZED THAT ITEM COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED
IN ANY DEPTH OWING TO TIME LIMITATIONS. GROUP ALSO FELT
THAT REMAINING ITEMS ON AGENDA (REF B)
SHOULD BE TREATED IN PRO FORMA WAY ESSENTALLY FOR INFORMATION
PURPOSES.

4. ELECTIONS. LIKELIHOOD IS THAT TC WILL RE-ELECT CURRENT
BUREAU, CHAIRMAN HERMES OF FRG, VICE-CHAIRMEN LANGUETIN
(SWITZERLAND) AND MIAZIKI (JAPAN).
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